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RPTD TO YOU FOR YOUR INFO

QUOTE S E C R E T BIEN HOA 0115

LIMDIS

MR 3 CG LTG NGUYEN VAN MINH TODAY TOLD ME THAT HE IS CURRENTLY
DIRECTING HIS ATTENTION TO TAY NINH PROVINCE BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE
COMMUNIST INCURSIONS IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. MINH SAID THAT HIS
INTELLIGENCE PEOPLE HAVE REPORTED TO HIM THAT THE 272 ND REGIMENT OF
THE 9 TH NVA DIVISION MOVED FOUR DAYS AGO FROM MR4 TO BASE AREA 354
SOUTH OF THE DOGSHEAD AREA. MINH TIES THIS MOVE IN WITH THE EARLIER
REPORT THAT THE E-1 AND E-3 OF THE 5 TH NVA DIVISION HAD MOVED TO
KAMPONG TRABEK AND WAS PRESUMABLY DESTINED FOR TAY NINH/ HAU NGHIA
PROVINCES. MINH BELIEVES THAT THE MOVEMENT OF THESE TWO UNITS MAY
PRESAGE THE START OF HIS PREDICTED COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE O/ A MAY 15.
MINH TOLD ME THAT HE HAS TAKEN TWO STEPS TO THWART WHAT THE
COMMUNISTS

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MAY HAVE IN MIND: (1) INSTRUCTED THE CG OF TTE 25 TH ARVN DIVISION
TO WATCH THE BORDER CONTIGUOUS TO BASE AREA 354; AND (2) HAS ASKED
THE JGS TO ARRANGE FOR A SERIES OF B-52 STRIKES IN THIS AREA
AND THE AREA IMMEDIATELY NORTH AND SOUTH.
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